

# Member profile

Of all the Perrott families that claim to be related to Sir John Perrott, the family in Laugharne has a better case than most, as in 1584 Elizabeth I granted Laugharne Castle to Sir John, however he retained interests in Haverfordwest and it seems likely – but not yet proven! – that the family of **ANNE REES (228)** who has recently rejoined the Society might be descended from Sir John or one of his relatives ...

## **8 x great-grandfather (speculative): William Perrott**

William Perrott of Haverfordwest left a Will in 1671 in which he left lands at Laugharne to his son William.

## **7 x great-grandparents (speculative): John Perrott & Mary**

John Perrott left a will dated 21<sup>st</sup> June 1675.

## **6 x great-grandparents (speculative): Walter Perrott & Ann**

Walter was possibly buried at Laugharne on 20<sup>th</sup> January 1756.

(There is an alternative for this generation – William Perrott & Elinor Palmer – recorded on a number of unreferenced family trees on the Ancestry website, however this is clearly incorrect since William & Elinor did not marry until 1744 and the next generation, James, already had children of his own by then!)

## **5 x great-grandparents: James Perrott (1715->1752) & Elizabeth Beynon (1720-1801)**

Anne's ancestry is more certain from this generation onwards. James is thought to have been baptised at Laugharne in 1716 and he married Elizabeth Beynon at Laugharne on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1739. They were both noted to be "of this parish". Children of James & Elizabeth included William (baptised 1740), James (baptised 1742), Walter (baptised 1744), David (baptised 1747), John (baptised 1749), Thomas (baptised 1750) and Mary (baptised 1752). James was buried at Laugharne on 31<sup>st</sup> September 1801.

#### **4 x great-grandparents: Walter Perrott (1744-1833) & Elizabeth Hitchings**

Walter baptised at Laugharne in November 1744. He married Elizabeth Hitchings in 1777 at St George, Hannover Square, London.

Walter was a burgess of Laugharne (as were at least two of his brothers). This may have been an inherited title, but could also be acquired by apprenticeship or by virtue of living in Laugharne for three years. Today there are around 500 burgesses of Laugharne.

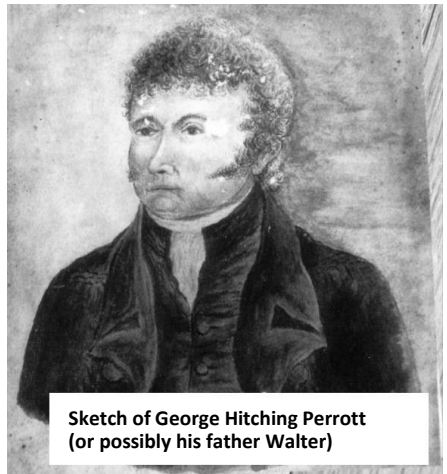
Walter died on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1833 and was buried at Laugharne on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1833.

#### **3 x great-grandparents: George Hitchings Perrott (1778-1858) & Harriet Williams (1790-1869)**

George was born on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1778 at Bosherton, Pembrokeshire.

He married his first wife, Martha Davies, at Llanelli on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1797.

Following Martha's death, George married for a second time – on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1815 – to Harriet Williams.



The 1830 edition of Pigot's Directory indicates that George Perrott of Llanelli was running the Ship public house at this time, but by 1835 he is recorded working as a dock master at the Railroad Company's dock.

The 1841 census shows the couple living with children William (17), Walter (14), Harriet (11) and Richard (6) in Llanelli, with George's occupation recorded as dock master. By 1851 only Harriet and Richard were still living with their parents.

George died in October 1858 – the Cardiff Times reported his death as follows: "On the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., at Cambrian-place, Llanelly, aged 80, Mr. George Perrott, for many years dock-master. This much-respected old gentleman was the father of twenty-six sons and five daughters. He was married twice, and during the French invasion and landing in Fishguard, in 1797, he served in the cavalry under Lord Cawdor"

The 1861 census shows Harriet living with her son Richard – a house carpenter – at Queen’s Terrace in Llanelli.

In terms of children, we know that from his first marriage there was George, Thomas, David, Edwin, Edwin, Elizabeth, Martha and William. From the second marriage we know of Elizabeth Hitchings, John Williams, Robert Williams, William, Philip James, Richard, Walter, Walter, Harriet, Richard Webb and Richard Williams. This falls some way short of the claimed total.



Captain Walter Perrott

**2 x great-grandparents: Walter Perrott (1826-1883) & Jane Rees (1827-1868)**

Walter was born on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1826.  
He married Jane Rees in Llanelli on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1850.

His Mate’s Certificate of Service, issued in 1851, states that he had been employed as a boy seaman and mate in the British Merchant Service for a period of nine years, meaning he would have started in this work around the age of sixteen.

When the 1851 census was taken, Jane was living in her parents’ household, with Walter apparently away at sea.

At the time of the 1861 census, Walter was at sea on board the *John & Ann*, of which he was master; however he is also recorded living with Jane and their daughters Mary Ann (10), Sarah Jane (7), Harriett Justina (5) and Emma (3) in Llanelli. A son – Walter George – had been born the previous year and died in infancy. Later additions to the family were Emily Jane (born 1861) and Robert Rees (born 1866).

Following Jane’s death in 1868, the 1871 census has Sarah Jane, Jessie (Harriett Justina) and Emily Jane living in Swansea with their step-sister Sarah Harding, aged 18, who describes herself as a ‘captain’s daughter’.

Younger brother Robert was also living in Swansea in 1871 with his aunt and uncle, Henry and Christina Mills. Their father Walter was presumably away at sea.

**Great-grandparents: George Powell Lewis (1856-1938) & Emily Jane Perrott (1861-1912)**

George and Emily married in Llanelli in 1883. By 1891 they were living in Pembrey, Carmarthenshire with children George Powell (7), Ivy Winifred (5), Erle Rocheford Robert (4) and Violet Blanche (3). George worked as a school teacher and later became headmaster of an elementary school in Burry Port.

**Grandparents: David Charles Alston Rees (1882-1967) & Ivy Winifred Lewis (1886-1980)**

David and Ivy married in 1910. The 1911 census shows Ivy and their 8 month old son, Daril Alston Rees, living in Burry Port. David was a marine engineer prior to WWI and presumably away at sea on the day the census was taken.



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**PLACES**

BOSHERSTON  
BURY PORT  
HAVERFORDWEST  
LAUGHARNE  
LLANELLI  
LONDON  
PEMBREY  
SWANSEA

**OTHER SURNAMES**

BEYNON  
GIRD  
HARDING  
HITCHINGS  
LEWIS  
REES  
WILLIAMS

**Parents: Captain Daril Alston Rees (1910-1995) & Margaret Constance Gird**

Daril served in the Merchant Navy during WWII and married Margaret in London in 1954. He retired in 1975 after long and distinguished service with the Union Castle Line.